

SENIOR ACTIVITIES CENTER

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

3:30 p.m.

Cameron Senior Center

ATTENDEES

Mickey Crocker, Paul Murray, Joanne Sheehan, Nancy Cook, Patty Dubey, Valerie Wormell, absent – representative of the Permanent Town Building Committee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Mickey Crocker.

NEW BUSINESS

As this was the first meeting of the committee, officers were elected. The committee voted unanimously to support the following:

Officers

Mickey Crocker – Chair

Nancy Cook – Vice Chair

Paul Murray – Treasurer

Valerie Wormell – Clerk

Paul Murray made a motion to adopt Robert's Rules of Order, seconded by Joanne Sheehan. The motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Cook made a motion to increase the number of committee members to eight, (8). Joanne Sheehan seconded the motion. Discussion centered around including Patty Dubey and Richie Crocker. Patty is an abutter to the Cameron Senior Center and may act as neighborhood liaison. Richie's experience would be helpful to the committee. The original committee as described by the Board of Selectmen was to be made up of seven, (7), members. The committee did not see a problem in asking for an additional member and will do so at the next, September 13, 2005 Board of Selectmen's, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Murray motioned to change the committee's name from Senior Activities Center to Senior Center Building Committee. Joanne Sheehan

seconded. The committee felt that the original name was misleading and did not accurately reflect the committee's charge to explore the feasibility of expanding the existing Cameron Senior Center. The vote was unanimous.

A discussion was held on the two warrant articles placed by the committee and Board of Selectmen on the Fall 2005 Special Town Meeting. The articles are necessary to facilitate the expansion of the existing facility. The first article transfers care & custody of a parcel of land behind the Cameron Senior Center from the Conservation Commission to the committee. The second article clarifies the \$50,000, set aside to study the feasibility of building a new Senior Center, to the committee. Paul Murray shared copies of the 1991 Annual Town Meeting, Article 31, transferring care & custody of the land behind the center to the Conservation Commission, known as parcel A. The Cameron School and surrounding parking lot, known as parcel B, was transferred to the care & custody of the Council on Aging. Paul also shared a plot plan illustrating the intent of Town Meeting. Minutes, inclusive of the actual vote, from the 1991 Annual Town Meeting could not be found. Patty Dubey and Valerie Wormell to follow up. However, it was agreed that the land transfer would require a two thirds, (2/3), vote by the Conservation Commission, Town Meeting and State Legislature to complete the transaction. Valerie Wormell reported that the Board of Selectmen spoke with the Conservation Commission and that they were not opposed to the transfer provided a land swap could be agreed to. Valerie will follow up with the Selectmen and Conservation Commission to see that an agreement is reached. It was decided that a representative of the committee attend the September 14, 2005 Conservation Commission meeting to answer questions. The Board of Selectmen placed an article on the upcoming special Town Meeting warrant to clarify the use of the previously appropriated \$50,000, assuring voters the funds would be used to study a potential expansion of the Cameron Senior Center.

The committee felt that it would be beneficial to provide a picture to Town Meeting of what an expansion of the Cameron building would involve. Valerie Wormell will ask Bob Jeffries if he would be able to assist the committee. The committee currently envisions an expansion behind the building, extension of the parking lot behind the addition and relocation of the septic system to the conservation land. The conservation land would remain visually intact with the possible exceptions of a curb cut to allow overflow parking on the grass when needed and a walking track. The committee emphasized the use of the land for senior passive recreation.

NEXT MEETINGS

All meetings will take place at the Cameron Senior Center.

September 14, 2005 1:00 p.m.

September 28, 2005 3:30 p.m.

October 5, 2005 3:30 p.m.

October 12, 2005 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Cook made a motion to adjourn at 4:26 p.m. Valerie Wormell seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The committee took a brief walking tour of the property.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Wormell, clerk